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I. Project Summary

1. Key Achievements:

- There are 18 scholars on the Distinguished List (cumulative GPA 3.50 or above).
- There are 10 scholars on the Honors List (cumulative GPA between 3.20 and 3.49).

II. Detailed Progress:

A. Advising and Registration:

Currently 61 scholars from the USP V are registered and attending classes for Fall 2015 with full time loads. All scholars have been in regular contact with their USP coordinators and have been receiving proper advice and direction. Two new scholars were recruited to join the program. All criteria and eligibility for selection was duly considered.

B. Monitoring of Scholars:

A plan has been devised for the monitoring of scholars in order to ensure that they will maintain good academic standing and graduate on time. This plan is made up of multiple stakeholders who are working with the scholars in order to ensure their well being.

a. OCE

The Outreach and Civic Engagement at the Lebanese American University, headed by the Assistant Vice President oversees the execution of the program and ensures successful implementation, supervises orientation, enrichment activities, and media coverage, and works closely with academic coordinators on USP curricular progress.

b. Student mentors:

Each scholar has been assigned a student mentor whose main job is to make sure that the scholar is doing well scholastically and that he/she is not facing any problem. The student mentor is a junior or senior student of the same major who has demonstrated leadership skills. He/she helps the scholar in issues related to his/her every day life: dorms and adjustment on campus. Refer to Appendix 1.

c. Academic coordinators

Since USP V scholars do not have a designated academic advisors, these students have been followed up closely by the USP academic coordinators. For reporting and tracking

students' performance, direct contact with each of these students' classroom professors has been established.

d. Student support/tutoring:

Whenever deemed necessary, USP scholars receive support and tutoring from *LAU student support centers* such as the Cooperative Learning Center, the Writing Center, and the Academic Computer Center in addition to the counselors and professional career and academic advising coordinators in the Deans of Students' Offices in both Byblos and Beirut.

e. Academic Progress:

In August 2015 Summer II semester came to an end and by then the instructors had sent two progress reports for Summer I and two progress reports for Summer II 2015. The reports were studied and, when needed, proper advisory action was taken. The reports demonstrated that the USP V scholars are performing well and progressing normally.

Out of the 59 scholars, 50 scholars registered courses in Summer I 2015; and 4 scholars registered courses in Summer II 2015. It is important to note that out of these 59 students, and as of the end of Summer II 2015 semester, 6 scholars have a major GPA of 4.0, 34 scholars have a major GPA between 3.0 and 3.99, 13 scholars have a major GPA between 2.0 and 2.99, 6 scholars have no major GPA, 37 scholars have a cumulative GPA between 3.0 and 3.99; 22 scholars have a cumulative GPA between 2.0 and 2.99; Moreover, it is important to note that no one has a cumulative GPA or major GPA below 2.0.

| GPA Range | Number of Students | Percentage | | MGPA Range | Number of Students | Percentage |
|-----------|--------------------|------------|--|------------|--------------------|------------|
| 0.0-1.99 | 0 | 0.0% | | 0.0-1.99 | 0 | 0.0% |
| 2.0-2.49 | 1 | 1.7% | | 2.0-2.49 | 3 | 5.7% |
| 2.5-2.99 | 21 | 35.6% | | 2.5-2.99 | 10 | 18.9% |
| 3.0-3.19 | 9 | 15.3% | | 3.0-3.19 | 7 | 13.2% |
| 3.2-3.49 | 10 | 16.9% | | 3.2-3.49 | 13 | 24.5% |
| 3.5-3.99 | 18 | 30.5% | | 3.5-3.99 | 14 | 26.4% |
| 4.0 | 0 | 0.0% | | 4.0 | 6 | 11.3% |
| | | | | No MGPA | 6 | |
| 59 100% | | | | 59 100% | | |

Special Case: Case of scholar 201406* (Major: Communication Arts/Journalism)**

Case of academic difficulty.

f. Enrichment Activities

1. Club & Leadership Activities

| Activity | Date | Description | Names of Participants | Number of Participants |
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| Eat For A Cause | 1-Apr-15 | The Nutrition Club organized the “Eat for a Cause” event at LAU Beirut Campus. The Nutrition Club set up stands offering healthy food for all faculty and students. Moreover, they raised awareness by distributing flyers that explain how one can lead a healthy lifestyle. | 201404*** 201403*** 201406*** 201406*** 201404*** 201404*** | USP V: (5F; 1M) |
| رن رن يا جرس | 1-Apr-15 | LAU Alumni relations organized an event titled 'رن رن يا جرس'. | 201404*** 201403*** 201406*** | USP V: (3F) |
| Orphanage Visit : Aytam Al Eslamiya | 2-Apr-15 | To celebrate Children's Day USP V scholars 201404*** and 201404*** visited Dar al Aytam Al Eslamiya an orphanage located in Bir Hassan on Thursday April 2. They entertained children by playing games and engaging them in team building activities such sports and some role playing. They found the experience to be very gratifying to the extent that they registered to be constant volunteers at the orphanage. | 201404*** 201404*** | USP V: (2F) |
| Food Bank Presentation | 2-Apr-15 | A Food Bank presentation was organized by LOYAC. | 201403*** 201404*** | USP V: (2F) |
| Reforestation Of Al-Arbreen Mountains | 5-Apr-15 | BAUZAR association organized a reforestation activity that was held in the Arbreen Mountain whereby 600 Cedar trees were planted. The aim of the event is to protect Lebanon's forest and help raise awareness about the environmental issue we are facing in today's world. The event was supported by the Lebanese | 201405*** 201405*** 201405*** 201406*** 201405*** 201405*** 201405*** 201406*** | USP V: (4F; 4M) |

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| | | Red Cross and many citizens, as well as USP V scholars, volunteered to help make the event a success. | | |
| Heritage Day | 8-Apr-15 | 'Heritage Day' is an event organized by the UNESCO Club, through which all students are invited to represent, in any form of art, some of the many cultures present in Lebanon. | 201403*** 201406*** 201403*** 201404*** 201403*** 201405*** 201404*** 201406*** 201404*** 201403*** 201403*** 201404*** 201404*** 201406*** 201405*** 201406*** 201404*** 201406*** 201404*** 201404*** 201403*** 201404*** | USP V: (14F; 8M) |
| Discussion About The Civil War | 13-Apr-15 | University Seniors at AUB organized a discussion about the Lebanese civil war. | 201403*** | USP V: (1F) |
| Career Fair | 15-Apr-15 | The Career Guidance Office at LAU organized the Career Fair. During this event students were able to meet with prospective employers and give them their CVs. | 201403*** 201405*** 201403*** 201404*** 201404*** 201404*** 201304*** | USP V: (4F; 3M) |
| Emotional Intelligence Workshop | 17-Apr-15 | LOYAC organized an emotional intelligence workshop for their members. | 201403*** | USP V: (1F) |
| The Bear Play | 17-Apr-15 | A play titled 'The Bear play' whereby USP V scholar 201406*** helped out by being the light operator. | 201406*** | USP V: (1M) |

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| Bassma Ceremony Of Appreciation | 18-Apr-15 | The ceremony was organized by Bassma NGO to thank everyone who helped raise donation for the Iraqi refugees over Christmas. | 201403*** | USP V: (1F) |
| Child Festival | 18-Apr-15 | The Red Cross Club organized an event for children titled 'Child Festival'. | 201403*** | USP V: (1F) |
| MAL Training Camp | 19-Apr-15 | The Outreach and Civic Engagement Unit at the Lebanese American University organized a training camp to choose the best trainers to train the students who have applied for the Model Arab League. | 201403*** | USP V: (1F) |
| Orphan Day | 19-Apr-15 | Sanabel El Nour NGO organized games for orphans to enjoy. | 201405*** 201406*** 201405*** 201406*** | USP V: (3F; 1M) |
| Civil War Discussion | 20-Apr-15 | In the memorial of the Lebanese Civil war, University of Seniors at AUB organized a discussion about the Film "Waynon" by a famous actor on Monday April 20, 2015. He explained the main purpose of the film is to spread awareness about civil war. | 201404*** 201403*** 201406*** | USP V: (3F) |
| Armenian Genocide 100th Commemoration | 20-Apr-15 | The Armenian Club organized an event to commemorate the Armenian genocide. | 201404*** 201404*** | USP V: (1F; 1M) |
| Be Sun Smart | 20-Apr-15 | The LAU Health Services organized an event called 'Be Sun Smart' to educate students about the dangers of UV rays. | 201404*** 201403*** 201406*** | USP V: (3F) |
| Cedars Day Event | 20-Apr-15 | Cedar's Day event was organized by the Cedar Club in LAU | 201404*** 201404*** | USP V: (2F) |
| Communication Skills Workshop - Beirut | 20-Apr-15 | The OCE Unit delivered a USP-specific workshop titled, Communication Skills Workshop. The workshop aimed at engaging USP scholars in exploring their | 201403*** 201406*** 201404*** 201404*** | USP V: (24F; 16M) |

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| | | career paths and enhancing their communications skills to improve both personal and professional aspects of their lives. | 201404*** 201403*** 201404*** 201403*** 201406*** 201404*** 201404*** 201403*** 201405*** 201406*** 201404*** 201406*** 201406*** 201404*** 201405*** 201403*** 201403*** 201404*** 201404*** 201403*** 201404*** 201404*** 201404*** 201406*** 201405*** 201404*** 201404*** 201404*** 201404*** 201406*** 201406*** 201404*** 201404*** 201404*** 201403*** 201404*** | |
| Spring Beats | 20-Apr-15 | The Event Organization Club organized an event to welcome the spring semester with music and Joy. The event was titled 'Spring Beats' | 201404*** 201403*** 201403*** 201405*** 201406*** 201404*** | USP V: (12F; 5M) |

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| | | | 201405*** 201403*** 201404*** 201404*** 201404*** 201404*** 201405*** 201404*** 201406*** 201404*** 201404*** 201404*** | |
| Building Safety | 21-Apr-15 | The safety awareness Club organized a workshop titled ' Building Safety' | 201404*** 201404*** | USP V: (1F; 1M) |
| Ace Your Interview | 21-Apr-15 | Bloom Bank hosted a workshop at LAU titled 'Ace Your Interview'. The aim of the Workshop was to help students prepare for any career interview that they will have to attend after they graduate. | 201404*** 201406*** | USP V: (2F) |
| LAU Got Talent | 21-Apr-15 | The Accounting Club at LAU organized the LAU Got Talents event where LAU students who were accepted in the auditions have their final performances in front of the juries. Many USP scholars were candidates and many other attended the event for supporting their colleagues. | 201403*** 201405*** 201406*** 201404*** 201403*** 201403*** 201403*** 201404*** 201404*** 201405*** 201404*** 201406*** 201404*** | USP V: (8F; 5M) |
| Byblos Bank Presentation | 22-Apr-15 | Byblos Bank gave LAU students a presentation introducing themselves and the way their banking. | 201404*** | USP V: (1F) |
| Communication Skills Workshop - Byblos | 22-Apr-15 | The OCE Unit delivered a USP-specific workshop titled, Communication Skills Workshop. The workshop aimed at engaging USP scholars in exploring their career paths and enhancing their communications skills to improve both | 201405*** 201404*** 201403*** 201405*** 201404*** 201405*** | USP V: (11F; 9M) |

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| | | personal and professional aspects of their lives. | 201406*** 201405*** 201405*** 201404*** 201404*** 201405*** 201403*** 201404*** 201404*** 201404*** 201404*** 201404*** 201404*** 201404*** 201404*** 201406*** | |
| Reception For Mathematics Students | 22-Apr-15 | The Department Of Mathematics and Computer Science organized a reception for mathematics students. | 201404*** | USP V: (1F) |
| Self-Empowerment Activity | 22-Apr-15 | Self-empowerment activities were given by LOYAC. | 201403*** 201404*** | USP V: (2F) |
| Waitlist Feature Training Session | 22-Apr-15 | The registrar's office gave a training session about their newly introduced waiting list feature on the Banner. | 201404*** 201406*** | USP V: (1F; 1M) |
| One Lebanon Volunteering | 23-Apr-15 | One Lebanon set on a ticketing stand at ABC for Bruno Tabbal's Concert. | 201403*** | USP V: (1F) |
| Emotional Intelligence Workshop | 23-Apr-15 | The Emotional Intelligence Workshop was held at the Four Points Sheraton by a human rights lawyer with the United Nations. | 201403*** | USP V: (1F) |
| Spring Into Health | 23-Apr-15 | LAUMC-RH organized an event titled 'Spring into health'. | 201406*** 201404*** | USP V: (1F; 1M) |
| Child Abuse In Lebanon Lecture | 24-Apr-15 | LOYAC organized a lecture about child abuse through which they introduced attendees to Himaya an NGO that cares for abused children. | 201405*** | USP V: (1F) |
| Maktoob Workshop | 24-Apr-15 | Maktoob organization organized a work shop about how to open a business. | 201404*** | USP V: (1M) |
| Nutri-Shape Event | 24-Apr-15 | The Nutrition Club organized the NutriShape event to spread the | 201403*** 201404*** | USP V: (4F) |

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| | | awareness about the various ways in which one can stay healthy and in shape. | 201403*** 201406*** | |
| Training By Red Cross | 24-Apr-15 | A training session with the Lebanese Red Cross/Youth Department was held on Sunday April 26, 2015. The session was about communication skills, time management and team work. | 201404*** | USP V: (1F) |
| AIESEC Interviews | 25-Apr-15 | AIESEC is the world's largest youth-run organization; it provides a global platform for youth leadership development, and offers young people the opportunity to get the experience in order to become global citizens and affect changes in the world. Many USP scholars occupied a great role in AIESEC, USP II scholar, 201203*** is the president of AIESEC LAU chapter and USP III scholar, 201304683 is the Vice President. The current project of AIESEC is to interview international volunteers for specific projects during summer. | 201404*** | USP V: (1M) |
| Indian Vibes | 27-Apr-15 | The Photography Club organized the Indian Vibes event whereby students were invited to wear Indian costumes and take pictures in the Indian designed photo booth. | 201404*** | USP V: (1F) |
| An Exhibition In Support Of Lebanese Army | 29-Apr-15 | LAU organized an exhibition for the army with the support of the Lebanese army. | 201406*** | USP V: (1F) |
| Banking Operations For Non-Bankers | 29-Apr-15 | BLOM bank organized a workshop to facilitate the banking process for university students. | 201403*** 201404*** | USP V: (2F) |
| OCEAN 2015 | 29-Apr-15 | The Outreach and Civic Engagement Unit at the Lebanese American University organizes the "Outreach and Cultural Exchange Across Nations"- OCEAN day at LAU Byblos. This is an International Day in which the OCE invites embassies of top study abroad destinations to LAU campus to present the various opportunities they can offer to the LAU community in study | 201405*** 201404*** 201404*** 201405*** 201403*** 201404*** 201404*** 201404*** 201406*** | USP V: (4F; 5M) |

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| | | abroad and civic engagement. | | |
| AUB NGO Fair | 30-Apr-15 | The main purpose of attending the AUB NGO fair was to represent LOYAC and for the scholars to be able to share their testimony about philanthropic experience. | 201403*** 201404*** | USP V: (2F) |
| Labor Day Initiative | 30-Apr-15 | Several USP V scholars took the initiative to appreciate the security guards who keep the campus safe, as well as the cleaning ladies who keep the campus clean, by celebrating Labor Day with them. The scholars presented the security guards with white flowers as a gesture of appreciation towards their hard work. | 201406*** 201403*** 201404*** 201403*** | USP V: (3F; 1M) |
| Riddle Dat | 1-May-15 | The Math Club at LAU organized a fun event whereby students involved would solve riddles given to them. | 201405*** | USP V: (1M) |
| PPD Networking with LOYAC | 2-May-15 | The Personal and Professional Development Program networking organized by LOYAC at Alt City Hamra, aims at bringing together PPD applicants, volunteers, alumni and trainers to build personal and professional relationships. | 201403*** 201405*** | USP V: (2F) |
| Armenian Cultural Trip | 3-May-15 | ADYAN organized a cultural trip to introduce students to the Armenian culture. | 201403*** | USP V: (1F) |
| Save A Life Blood Drive | 5-May-15 | Donner Sang Compter organized the blood drive campaign at LAU Beirut Campus. | 201404*** 201403*** 201406*** 201404*** 201404*** 201406*** | USP V: (3F; 3M) |

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| 6th LAU NGO Fair | 6-May-15 | The OCE Department at LAU organized the 6th NGO Fair. The theme of the NGO Fair is "Together for a better society: Public-Private Partnership" and it was held under the patronage and the presence of His Excellency the Minister of Health. | 201403*** 201406*** 201404*** 201403*** 201404*** 201404*** 201405*** 201404*** 201406*** 201406*** 201406*** 201404*** 201405*** 201403*** 201404*** 201403*** 201404*** 201404*** 201404*** 201404*** 201405*** 201404*** 201406*** 201404*** | USP V: (18F; 10M) |
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| Open Library House | 6-May-15 | The Library at LAU organized an Open House event that was held in the Business Building. The event encouraged students to exchange books and held a variety of games through which winners were awarded prizes. | 201403*** 201404*** 201404*** 201404*** 201406*** 201404*** | USP V: (6F) |
| One Lebanon Volunteering | 6-May-15 | USP V scholar volunteered with One Lebanon in a project. | 201403*** | USP V: (1F) |

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| MMKN-Certificate Distribution | 7-May-15 | MMKN NGO organized the certificate distribution event at AUB as an appreciation for the volunteer teachers for their hard work throughout the academic year 2014-2015. | 201403*** 201404*** 201403*** 201406*** 201404*** 201404*** | USP V: (6F) |
| LAU Residence Hall Open House Dinner | 7-May-15 | The DOS office organized the annual residence hall dinner at LAU Beirut Campus. | 201403*** 201403*** 201404*** | USP V: (3F) |
| Conflict Resolution Workshop | 8-May-15 | The conflict resolution workshop was organized by LOYAC. | 201403*** | USP V: (1F) |
| Poetry Symposium | 8-May-15 | The Arabic Department and USP V scholar, 201404*** held a poetry symposium at LAU Beirut. USP scholars from different cohorts attended to support him. | 201404*** 201404*** 201404*** 201403*** 201404*** 201404*** 201404*** 201403*** | USP V: (4F; 4M) |
| Nanomaterial Symposium | 8-May-15 | The Chemistry Department held a Nanomaterial symposium. | 201406*** | USP V: (1M) |
| Spring Fiesta 2015 | 9-May-15 | The UNESCO Club and the Dean of Students' Office collaborated to organize the Spring Fiesta at LAU Beirut Campus. They welcomed spring with an outdoor party, attracting over 5,000 visitors of all ages and interests for games, food stands, live music concerts and bungee jumping. | 201403*** 201404*** 201404*** | USP V: (3F) |
| Personal Leadership Workshop | 12-May-15 | LOYAC organized a personal leadership workshop. | 201403*** | USP V: (1F) |
| AUB Outdoors | 23-May-15 | AUB organized an event titled 'AUB outdoors'. | 201406*** | USP V: (1M) |
| Support Of Lebanese Army | 27-May-15 | By LAU. | 201404*** | USP V: (1M) |
| We Care | 29-May-15 | USP scholars came together to ensure the success of the We Care community project. | 201405*** 201403*** 201405*** 201406*** | USP V: (4M) |

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| Positive Intelligence | 3-Jun-15 | Positive Intelligence is a workshop organized by LOYAC. | 201404*** | USP V: (1F) |
| منارات بقاعية | 5-Jun-15 | The 'منارات بقاعية' was organized by the UNESCO Club. | 201403*** 201404*** 201406*** 201404*** | USP V: (4F) |
| Works Life Vs. Study Life | 6-Jun-15 | LOYAC organized a work life vs. Study life presentation. | 201404*** | USP V: (1F) |
| 17th International University Theater Festival | 10-Jun-15 | The Department Of Communication Arts organized the 17th LAU international university theatre festival. | 201404*** 201404*** 201404*** 201404*** | USP V: (4F) |
| Communication Skills And Personality Profiles | 10-Jun-15 | LOYAC organized a communication skills and personality profiles workshop. | 201404*** 201404*** | USP V: (2F) |
| Basic Life Support Course BLS | 15-Jun-15 | The American heart association organized an informative session. | 201404*** 201404*** | USP V: (2F) |
| Manarat Bika'iya | 5-Jun-15 | Manarat Bika'iya was an event, organized by the UNESCO Club that aimed to honor accomplished people in all domains (Poetry, dance, Science...etc) from bika'a area. | 201403*** 201403*** | USP V: (2F) |
| Life Skills Workshop | 16-Jun-15 | The life skills workshop was organized by Loyac, to inform students about the different ways they can cope with everyday problems. | 201404*** 201403*** | USP V: (2F) |
| Brain Storming Session | 17-Jun-15 | Loyac held a brainstorming session for launching a new website for Volunteering Opportunities in Lebanon. | 201403*** | USP V: (1F) |
| Volunteering at 'Beit El Zakat WI Khayrat' | 1 to 31 Jul-15 | USP V scholar 201405*** volunteered at 'Beit El Zakat WI Khayrat', a foundation that aims to improve the lives of the poor and the refugees. She has been volunteering at the foundation twice a week, for the past month, she helps the distribute provisions to families in need. On the 9th of July, 201405*** helped brighten the families' days by distributing clothes for the children to wear during the three days of Eid. | 201405*** | USP V: (1F) |

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| Ramadaniyat Beirutiya | 2-Jul-15 | Ramadaniyat Beirutiya is an event that was organized by Makhoumi Foundation and was held in Beil. The students volunteered to inform people about the Lebanese American University. | 201404*** 201405*** | USP V: (1F; 1M) |
| Volunteer In The Graduate's Iftar | 10-Jul-15 | The OCE unit organized a celebratory iftar for all USP I & USP II graduates. Several USP scholars volunteered to ensure the Iftar's success | 201404*** 201404*** | USP V: (1F; 1M) |
| Volunteering in USP VI Career Counseling Workshop | 27-Jul-15 | USP VI scholars were invited to the Lebanese American University, to attend the Career Counselling Workshop as a final step of their selection process. Several USP scholars helped make the event successful by taking care of the events logistical aspects. | 201403*** 201404*** 201403*** 201405*** 201403*** 201405*** 201404*** 201404*** 201404*** 201404*** | USP V: (4F; 6M) |
| كزهر اللوز أو أبعد | 9-Aug-15 | The event was held to celebrate the great Palestinian poet after 7 years of his death. | 201404*** | USP V: (1M) |
| Volunteering With Ministry Of Economy And Trade | 9-Aug-15 | The minister organized a training session for volunteers with the Ministry of economy and trade. | 201403*** | USP V: (1F) |
| Diversity Builds Unity | 13-Aug-15 | 40 youth from all over Lebanon and from different backgrounds, religions and sects took off the road to Maaser Al Shouf to participate at the annual ADYAN Youth Network camp under the slogan Diversity Builds Unity. At the camp sessions were held about diversity its types and the challenges it faces, Extremism and attitudes of everyday life in terms of managing diversity, dropping prejudices and non-violence communication, social security, religious dialogue and aspects of diversity between religions. | 201403*** | USP V: (1F) |

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| Football Charity Match | 16-Aug-15 | The Mazraat al Dahr Club of youth organized a football match to raise funds for the poor. | 201403*** | USPV: (1M) |
| Town Hall Meetings | 21-Aug-15 | The Town Hall meetings were held so that scholars are able to get a clear overall picture of your rights and obligations; to get to meet face to face the USP team and for the scholars to have all their questions and concerns answered. | 201405*** 201404*** 201403*** 201403*** 201406*** 201405*** 201404*** 201404*** 201406*** 201403*** 201405*** 201404*** 201403*** 201404*** 201404*** | USP V: (29F; 21M) |
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| Mobadarat Camp | 28 to 30-Aug-15 | The camp took place in Bikfaya and consisted of many workshops and bonding games. The workshops discussed the following topics: Conflict resolution, Differences and tolerance, Communication Skills, Social Media, Leadership Skills, advocacy, how to plan a project and implement it, Various techniques of photography. | 201404*** | USP V: (1M) |
| معاً لأزاله مظاهر الاهمال و التهميش لآثار طرابلس | 28-Aug-15 | In order to recover the image of the great monuments in Tripoli, volunteers cleaned the wall of al kartawya school in Zokak El Amir where ottomans law inscriptions can be found amongst other kinds of art. | 201406*** 201405*** 201405*** | USP V: (1F; 2M) |
| كون مغوار لنهار | 30-Aug-15 | "كون مغوار لنهار" is a hiking event organized by the Lebanese army. The hike was 20 km in length through harsh terrain and took place in the mountains of Saghbeen. | 201404*** | USP V: (1M) |
| Re-Opening Horsh Beirut | 5-Sep-15 | The event was organized by Loyac & Nahnoo NGOs; volunteers distributed flyers to incoming people of the Horsh's new rules and made the sure that the rules were respected by all. | 201403*** 201405*** | USP V: (2F) |
| KAFA Association Training Camp | 3 to 6- Sep-15 | The Training Camp was held from the 3rd to the 6th of September in in | 201404*** 201404*** | USP V: (5F) |

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| | | Broummana. The training aimed at strengthening the attendees' knowledge on GBV, family violence, basic principles of intervention when witnessing a case, as well as provided them with tools they can use should they choose to conduct an awareness session. | 201404*** 201404*** 201404*** | |
| Leadership Skills Workshop | 17-Sep-15 | The Workshop was held in Betghrin by MJO Local | 201404*** | USP V: (1M) |
| Welcoming Activity | 17-Sep-15 | 201404*** organized a welcoming activity for the seniors of Maroun Abboud Secondary School with Fellow Alumni | 201404*** | USP V: (1F) |
| Tripoli is a Living Museum Event | 18-Sep-15 | Tripoli is a Living Museum is an event held to allow people to get to know Tripoli's heritage and history. | 201405*** | USP V: (1F) |
| UNDP- Social Good Summit | 29-Sep-15 | The Social Good Summit SGS is a yearly event organized UNDP HQ in New York. Over 100 UNDP country offices from around the world participate in this summit. It is the place where global leaders, NGO representatives, journalists, bloggers, activists, academia and a large number of youngsters, meet to discuss big ideas and find solutions for our greatest challenges. | 201404*** | USP V: (1M) |
| Gender: What? Why? And Who Cares? Presentation- Beirut | 29-Sep-15 | The Director of IWSAW gave a presentation to LAU students about gender issues and how to achieve equality. | 201404*** 201404*** 201503*** 201404*** 201404*** 201406*** 201404*** 201404*** 201406*** 201404*** | USP V: (6F; 4M) |
| Gender: What? Why? And Who Cares? Presentation - Byblos | 30-Sep-15 | An informal discussion about gender issues. What it means to us and why we need to understand it. | 201405*** 201404*** 201406*** | USP V: (1F; 2M) |

| Activity | Date | Description | Names of Participants | Number of Participants |
|-----------------------|-----------|--|--|------------------------|
| MMKN General Assembly | 30-Sep-15 | MMKN's president held an information session for all students wishing to participate in the MMKN program, explaining what is expected of them and what they should expect, as well as answering any questions they have. | 201406*** 201404*** 201403*** 201406*** | USP V: (2F; 2M) |

Orphanage Visit: Aytam Al Eslamiya



USP V scholar 201404 entertaining the children at Dar al Aytam Al Eslamiya orphanage***



USP V scholar 201404 teaching a child at Dar al Aytam Al Eslamiya orphanage how to play a game on the computer***

Reforestation of Al-Arbreen Mountains



USP V scholars 201405 and 201405*** during BAUZAR's reforestation event***



USP V scholar 201405 planting trees***



USP V scholars 201406 and 201405*** taking part in the reforestation event by planting cedar trees***

Heritage Day



*USP V scholar 201406*** in a group picture as a Zaffeh in the heritage day*



*USP V scholars 201404***, 201404*** and 201404*** enjoying the heritage day*



USP V scholar 201403 tasting the traditional Lebanese food***

Career Fair



USP V scholars 201405, 201404*** and 201404*** applying for volunteering at the Career Fair***

Civil War Discussion



USP V scholars 201404, 201406*** and 201403*** in a group picture with a Lebanese actor at the end of the discussion***

Armenian Genocide 100 Commemoration



USP V scholar 201404 and many other USP scholars attended this memorable event***

Communication Skills Workshop - Beirut



USP V scholars 201404, 201404***, 201404***, 201404***, 201404***, 201404***, 201404*** and 201403*** attending the workshop***



USP V scholar 201406 explaining a quote***



USP V scholar 201404 explaining his quote***



USP V scholars 201404, 201406***, 201404***, 201406***, 201406***, 201405***, 201404***, 201404***, 201404***, 201406***, 201403***, 201404***, 201403*** and, 201404*** enjoying the lecture***



USP V scholar 201403 sharing their testimonial***



USP V scholars 201404, 201406***, 201303***, 201406***, 201404***, 201406***, 201403*** and 201405*** participating in the workshop***



USP V scholars 201405 and 201405*** are shaking hands***



USP V scholar 201403 listening to the workshop***

Spring Beats



USP V scholar 201404 performing at the Spring Beats***



USP V scholars 201404, 201405*** and 201405*** dancing together***



USP V scholars 201405, 201404***, 201404***, 201404***, 201404*** and 201404*** dancing at the Spring Beats***

Communication Skills Workshop - Byblos



USP V scholars 201406, 201404***, 201405*** and 201404*** amongst other USP V scholars***



USP V scholars 201404, 201405*** and 201406*** with engaged in the Communication Skills Workshop***



USP V scholars 201405, 201403*** and 201404*** during the Communication Skills workshop***



USP V scholar 201405 presenting a speech during the Communication Skills workshop***

ONE Lebanon Volunteering



*USP V scholar 201403*** in a group picture with a Lebanese singer*

Nutri-Shape Event



*USP V scholars 201404*** with 201406*** at the Nutrishape event*

Training by Red Cross



USP V 201404 attending the Red Cross Training***

AIESEC Interviews



USP V scholar 201404in a group picture***

AUB NGO Fair



USP V scholars 201405 and 201403*** at the NGO Fair at AUB***

Labor Day Initiative



USP V scholars 201404, 201403*** and 201406*** distributing white flowers***



USP V scholars 201404, 201403*** and 201406*** celebrating Labor's Day***

PPD Networking with LOYAC



USP V scholars 201405 and 201403*** building their personal and professional relationships***

Save a Life Blood Drive



USP V scholars 201404 and 201404*** donating blood***



USP V scholar 201406 donating blood***



USP V scholars 201403 and 201406*** at the blood drive campaign***



USP V scholar 201404 and 201406*** at the Blood Drive campaign***

6th LAU NGO Fair



USP V scholar 201403 and 201403*** volunteering in the NGO fair***



USP V scholars 201404, 201404*** and 201405*** at the NGO Fair***



USP V scholars 201406*, 201403*** and 201404*** at the NGO Fair**



USP V scholars 201406*, 201404***, 201404*** at the NGO Fair**



USP V scholars 201404* and 201404*** at the NGO Fair**



USP V scholar 201405* at the NGO Fair**



USP V scholars 201403, 201406***, 201404***, 201406*** and 201406*** in a group picture at the NGO Fair***



USP V scholars 201405, 201404*** and 201404*** at the NGO Fair***



USP V scholars 201403 and 201404*** with the president of LAU and the president of the Beirut Marathon Association at the NGO Fair***



USP V scholars 201404 and 201406******



USP V scholars 201404 and 201404*** volunteering at the Opening Ceremony of the NGO Fair***



USP V scholar 201404 at the NGO Fair***

Library Open House



USP V scholar 201406 at the Library Open House***



USP V scholars 201404 and 201403*** at the Library Open House***



USP V scholar 201404 at the Library Open House***



USP V scholar 201404 at the Library Open House***

MMKN-Certificate Distribution



USP V scholars 201404, 201404***, 201403*** and 201403*** in a group picture with their certificate of appreciation***

LAU Residence Hall Open House Dinner



USP V scholars 201404 and 201403*** enjoying the dinner***



USP V scholar 201404 in a group picture at the Annual dinner***

Poetry Symposium



USP V scholars 201404, 201404***, 201404*** and 201404*** supporting their colleague at the poetry symposium***



USP V scholars 201403, 201404*** and 201404*** in a group picture***

Communication Skills and Personality Profiles



USP V scholar 201404 and 201404*** attending the Workshop***

Volunteering in USP VI Career Counselling Workshop



USP V scholar 201404 distributing name tags to the USP VI candidates***



USP V scholar 201403 helping out during the Career Counselling Workshop***

Diversity Builds Unity



*USP V scholar 201403*** with peers during the Diversity Builds Unity event by ADYAN*

KAFA Association Training Camp



*USP V scholars 201404***, 201404*** and 201404*** during the KAFA Association Training Camp*

Leadership Skills Workshop



USP V scholars during the Leadership skills workshop at Betghrin

Welcoming Activity – Maroun Abboud Secondary School



*USP V scholar 201404*** in a group picture with fellow alumni and current senior students of Maroun Abboud Secondary School*

Tripoli Is A Living Museum Event



USP V scholar 201405 during the Tripoli Is A Living Museum Event***

Gender: What? Why? And Who Cares? Presentation -Beirut



USP V scholar 201404 during the presentation***

Gender: What? Why? And Who Cares? Presentation -Byblos



USP V scholars 201406, 201405*** and 201404*** engaged in the presentation***

MMKN General Assembly



USP V scholars 201406, 201403***, 201404*** and 201406*** volunteering for MMKN***

2.1 10th GCLAUMUN Inauguration Ceremony

The 10th Global Classrooms LAU Model United Nations Inauguration Ceremony was held on the 15th of November. The Model United Nations is an international program present in almost every country around the world; LAU is its official holder in Lebanon. The purpose of the program is to bring the UN culture of global awareness and the implementation of peaceful means for conflict resolution to the Lebanese schools and community at large. This is achieved by organizing training sessions that culminate in a conference, by bringing specialized speakers, and through other sponsored events.

The Training Sessions increase students' cognition about United Nations, rules of procedure in a United Nations conference, research and interpretation skills, writing a position paper, public speaking and role playing, conflict resolution and negotiations, caucusing and resolution writing, among others.

By the end of these sessions, the students will become delegates (diplomats) of countries who take part in United Nations sessions simulations. The simulations occur over a two-day Conference where students play the role of Ambassadors in United Nations Committees and discuss respective current topics. Several USP scholars have joined the program in their goal to become future leaders.



USP V scholars 201404 and 201405*** partaking in a group photograph to commemorate the occasion***



A group photograph taken to conclude the inauguration ceremony with USP V scholars

2.2 Success Stories

Volunteering in USP VI Orientation (August 26, 2015)

A warm welcome was given to 49 high-school graduates from towns across Lebanon on their first official day at LAU. They are the university's fifth cohort of students to receive a full scholarship under the USAID funded University Scholarship Program (USP). Several USP I, II, III and V scholars participated in the event ensuring its success. They guided the newly admitted scholars through the process of registration and shared their stories helping the new USP VI recruits feel at home. The USAID program helped the formerly admitted scholars grow their spirit of volunteerism whereby their example will pave the way into the newly admitted 45 USP VI scholars, two new USP III and two new USP V.



USP V scholars 201405, 201404***, 201403***, 201406***, 201405***, 201404***, 201405***, 201406***, 201403***, 201405***, 201404***, 201403***, 201404***, 201404***, 201404***, 201405***, 201406***, 201406***, 201405***, 201403***, 201404***, 201404***, 201405***, 201404***, 201404***, 201404***, 201404***, 201406***, 201404***, 201404*** & 201406*** in a group picture with the newly admitted USP VI scholars***

Beach Cleaning Campaign (September 12, 2015)

LAU's Outreach and Civic Engagement Unit organized a beach cleaning campaign in collaboration with Operations Big Blue. Several USP scholars from the various cohorts banded together to clean the Ramla Bayda beach. In order to promote this environmental initiative the scholars dressed in the same green shirts, and attended a lecture by a big blue representative about the diverse marine life that is present in Lebanon and how they can preserve it. Awareness about this issue is not very popular amongst the current Lebanese population however with the help of campaigns such as this one, there is hope for change.



USP V scholars 201404, 201404***, 201405***, 201405***, 201503***, 201404***, 201405***, 201404*** and 201506*** in a group picture with representatives from LAU's Outreach and Civic Engagement Unit during the beach cleaning campaign***

USP Mentorship Program Workshop (Beirut: September 21, 2015/Byblos: September 22, 2015)

Mentors for USP scholars are chosen carefully based on the following set of criteria: good academic standing, shows traits of responsibility, highly spirit of volunteerism, has a relevant major to their mentees, good tutoring skills and good time management skills. The applicants pass through a round of interviews after which they are given a workshop on how to be an effective mentor. Many LAU students applied for the opportunity to be a mentor and 47.6% of the accepted mentors are USP scholars. The program has enabled USP scholars to be highly successful individuals in throughout their university years thus preparing them well for their future.



USP V scholars during the mentors' program workshop

Time Management and Study Skills Workshop (Beirut: September 28, 2015/ Byblos: September 29, 2015)

The Outreach and Civic Engagement unit at LAU organized a time management workshop. USP scholars lead busy lives; they need to balance their course-work load, leadership activities, family and social lives, volunteer hours, internship and of course, they need to have a break to relax. To experience academic success in this stage of their lives and career success in the future, it's essential that they put effective time management skills, habits, and strategies into place. USP III new and USP V scholars learned various ways in which they can organize their lives and better their standard of living in order to achieve their maximum potential.



USP V scholars engaged in the Time Management & Study Skills Workshop

2.3 Community Projects

| “LAU One Day Public School Initiative” | | | | |
|--|--------|---|-----------|-------------|
| Location: Official Intermediate School of Baalback | | | | |
| Date: May 2, 2015 | | | | |
| Scholars' Information | | | | |
| Scholar Name | Cohort | Public School | Residency | Major |
| 201404*** | USP V | Official Secondary School of Baalbeck al Thaniya for Girls Douris | Baalback | Social Work |
| Purpose of Project | | | | |
| The purpose of the project is for 201404***, 201404*** and 201305*** to give back to their community in terms of education benefit by preparing Grade 9 students for high results of success in their exams. They are using the expertise they have acquired in teaching and giving reinforcement programs so that the students of their hometown can aspire to a better future. They will be teaching the subjects of biology, chemistry and physics. | | | | |
| Project Phases | | | | |
| Phase I | | Phase II | | |
| In Official Intermediate School of Baalbeck, the three scholars 201404***, 201404*** and 201305*** alternated together in the teaching of the subjects of Biology, Chemistry and Physics. The students received support booklets and the program of the day included lunch break and mingling with the students. | | In the afternoon, the students with their trainers headed to the playground of the school in order to attend the closing ceremony of the project which included distribution of certificates and testimonies from scholars. | | |



USP V scholar 201404 in group picture with the students after the completion of her community development project***

| “We Care” |
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| Location: Sidon Orphan Welfare Society and Outreach & Leadership Academy (OLA) |

| Date: May 29 th , 2015 | | | | |
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| Scholars' Information | | | | |
| Scholar's Name | Cohort | Public School | Residency | Major |
| 201404*** | USP V | Official Secondary School of Hasan Kamel El Sabbah | Shoukinet, Nabatieh | Pol. Sc. / Intl. Aff. |
| Purpose of Project | | | | |
| <p>USP III and V scholars implemented their community development project under the theme "We Care". Aiming at drawing a smile on the faces of the orphans, the scholars spent an educational day on May 29, 2015 at the Sidon Orphan Welfare Society (in Saida-South). The scholars provided educational support in the subjects of Biology, Math and Chemistry during their morning session to students from Grade 6, 7 and 8. Simultaneously, another group of students engaged with grade 3, 4 and 5 students around teamwork and communication skills. In the afternoon, the students provided educational and interactive learning activities. A closing ceremony, on which the distribution of certificates took place, was held at LAU's newly inaugurated center in Saida "OLA" which is in partnership with Hariri Foundation for Sustainable Human Development.</p> | | | | |



USP V scholar 201404 during his community project***

III. Quotes from Scholars

"This scholarship to learn was a gift that gave me the ability to learn by improving my skills and knowledge and the leadership in me".

201404*** – *Business Management*

"USP program has given me the opportunity to be more independent, to get to know people from different backgrounds as well as leadership skills that optimized my self-esteem and personality".

201404*** – *Business Accounting*

"When I got the news of becoming a USP V student, I was shocked. At that specific moment, I did realize the fact that my life is turning to a point when it can be better, and so much better than before. First of all, just the name USP Student is a success story which can lead to many success stories in the future. Actually studying in one of the best universities in the Middle East makes me proud and happy, and even happier than any moment before I joined the university. The USP Program allowed and still allows me to introduce myself to many nice and joyful people from different backgrounds which really make me thankful. The workshops that the OCE organizes are truthfully beneficial.

I am so happy and thankful to be a USP student in the Lebanese American university, and especially thankful to the whole OCE team who do care for our success".

201406*** – *Business Banking & Finance*

IV. Appendix I

Mentors List

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